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Musical Arts Presents James Sykes, Pianist

A Varied Program -- Bach to Bartok -- To Be Performed

The Musical Art Society will present its fourth concert of the current academic year next Wednesday evening, March 16, at 8:30 p. m. in the Alpha Delta Phi Hall. James Sykes, distinguished American pianist, will present a recital of selections from the works of four well-known composers.

The program will include Bach's *Suite in G minor*, Beethoven's *Sonata in A major, opus* 101, *Improvisions on Hungarian Folk Tunes* by the Hungarian composer, Bela Bartok, and Brahms' *Intermezzo E major* and *Rhapsody E flat.*

Head of Music at Colgate

Mr. Sykes is head of the Music Department at Colgate University. By combining music education with concert presentation, he feels that "As a performer who teaches, I can practice what I preach. As a professor who performs in concert, I can teach the practical aspects of musicianship from first-hand experiences. ."

Entertainer at Town Hall

He has given numerous Town Hall recitals in New York and has made concert tours throughout the country. In 1945, he made a round-the-world tour playing in U. S. O. recitals. He was the originator and director for several years of an American Composers Program at Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center.

Mr. Sykes has given many first performances of outstanding contemporary music, and in his programs he presents both old and new piano masterpieces.

JAMES SYKES

High Schoolers To Debate Here

On April 8-9 the National Forensic League, a high school debating association, will hold a regional meeting at Hamilton, it was announced this week. About 180 students will congregate here to debate over that weekend. The district, one of fifteen in the country, includes New York, northern Pennsylvania, and western Massachusetts.

There will be five categories, two of which will be debate and original oratory. Each student will be eligible to enter any two categories. Students and faculty of Hamilton will act as judges.

Elliot Howard, who will act as the representative of the College during the meeting, has asked the College Community to help in finding housing for the student guests.

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Anti-Discrimination Committee To Present Resolution Monday

All Policies and Proposed Actions Formulated by Two Subcommittees

The Anti-Discrimination Committee, having been chartered by the Student Council at its meeting last Wednesday, has decided to present its resolution to the student body for approval next Monday. The petition will be circulated individually by the members of the committee through each fraternity house and dormitory, in order that each student will be able to sign or not, as he chooses, without being coerced by any particular group.

The petition to be presented is:

"We, the undersigned undergraduates of Hamilton College, in order to supplement the provisions of the College charter and establish a better academic atmosphere at Hamilton College, endorse the following resolution as a means of fostering a positive non-discriminatory policy on this campus.

"We pledge ourselves to combat racial and religious discrimination in any of its manifest forms and to work for the abolition of all discriminatory practices, both in thought and action, which may associate themselves with College or Fraternity activities."

The Committee, which has been working together since January, is composed of volunteers from a group of student leaders, called together on January 9. Dividing itself into two sub-committees, it has not only drawn up the resolution, but has also formulated a series of policies which will guide its future conduct. These policies include that:

1. *All phases of the question of discrimination will be discussed at announced open meetings of the Committee in order that any and all action will represent student opinion.*

2. *No action will be taken without careful consideration as to the ways in which this action might affect the name or character of Hamilton College.*

Some actions which have been proposed to or by the Committee, and which are purely tentative at this time, are that the Committee:

1. *Sponsor an educational program through student and student-faculty forums, noted lecturers, and informal discussion groups,*

2. *Inform alumni and invite their participation and opinion,*

3. *Ask the administration that one of the compulsory freshman hygiene lectures be given on the subject of discrimination by one of the members of the Department of Psychology,*

4. *Request that the faculty form a faculty committee on discrim-*

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Bud Svendsen To Coach Line For Lafayette

The announcement was released Sunday that Mr. Earl G. Svendsen, head football coach at Hamilton for the past three seasons, has accepted the position of line coach at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. At Lafayette, Mr. Svendsen will be working under newly-appointed head coach "Clipper" Smith, formerly chief mentor for Villanova and the Boston Yankees.

At the same time that Mr. Svendsen's acceptance was made known, President Robert W. McEwen stated that a replacement would be named sometime next week. The president added that he had received more than three dozen applications for the job.

Mr. Svendsen will leave the Hill shortly to report for Lafayette spring practice. He will find at Lafayette a veteran aggregation which lost only one game last year, and which received, but refused, a bid to play in the Sun Bowl. In addition to coaching the line at Lafayette, Mr. Svendsen will instruct in physical education classes and will probably coach in the winter athletic program there.

During his stay at Hamilton, Mr. Svendsen coached, besides varsity football, golf and ski teams, and the junior varsity basketball and hockey teams. Before coming to Hamilton, he played on three national championship Minnesota elevens and also played professionally with the Green Bay Packers and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Tomorrow night the Squires Club will sponsor its first all-college dance of the spring semester. The dance will be held in the Hall of Commons and will last from eight until twelve o'clock. The music will be provided by the Bob Sittig orchestra, of Winter Carnival fame.

With the cry of "Crush Pechvogelism", the Squires Club is determined to make this dance "the biggest and best of all social events occuring on the Hill during this semester." A program of intermission entertainment has been planned, and probably will be provided by delegations from several of the fraternities. In addition to this, it has been announced that refreshments will be served.

IFC Plans New Agency

The chief item of business at the regular monthly meeting of the Interfraternity Council last Tuesday concerned the advisability of the IFC's setting up a central purchasing agency for all of the fraternities. After considerable discussion, a committee consisting of John Warren, Paul Langa, Mal Stevens, William Hampton, and Gene Romano was formed to investigate the situation and to report its findings at the next meeting on March 22.

Murray Drabkin, representing Alpha Chi, moved that the Hamilton IFC accept an invitation to send two delegates to a Northeastern Regional Meeting of Interfraternity Councils to be held in Troy from April 29 to May 1. The motion met with unanimous approval, and delegates are to be named later.

The Council concluded its meeting by approving a motion by Drabkin that a trophy be awarded to the group represented on the Council having the highest scholarship average at each posting. A committee will be formed to determine what kind of trophy will be awarded, who shall pay for such an award, and whether or not any one group may gain permanent possession of it by winning the trophy three times.

Academic Aid Given to Students By Faculty Board of Review

A faculty Board of Review, whose object it is to help each student derive the maximum benefit from his academic program, has been in active operation on the Hill since January, it was announced last week by Dean Winton Tolles.

The board, consisting of Messrs. G. Harvey Cameron, Edgar B. Graves, George L. Nesbitt, Merle W. Tate, and Tolles, was set up early last fall on the recommendation of the Faculty Committee on Studies, to (in part) "..review ..the academic achievement of each undergraduate" and "recommend appropriate action on those undergraduates who seem not to be making satisfactory progress toward the degree."

Dean Tolles emphasized that the board is not a "witch-hunting" organization, but will seek, by individual consultation and a close cooperation with the student's regular faculty advisor, to help the student toward his "optimum achievement" academically, with constant reference to his overall role as a campus citizen.

The program is not directed solely at the student whose work is unsatisfactory. That student whose record is above his apparent "capacity" is to be given recognition and encouragement; and for the more capable student, a striving is being made, through a molding of the individual program, toward a fuller realization of his potentialities. This is to be facilitated in part by a comparison of previous school records and aptitude rankings with the student's college record. Where discrepancies occur, the man will be contacted and a remedy sought.

Although eventually all students' records are to be reviewed, the board has thus far concentrated on freshmen and sophomores, because of the combined problem

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Block "H" Men To Make Contacts

At its second meeting last Tuesday, the Block "H" committee for recruiting future Hamilton athletes studied a list of more than 200 names gathered by committee members in their various fraternity houses. The committee also discussed the first draft of a letter drawn up by Tom Gregory, to be sent to prospective freshmen.

Plans are being formulated for arranging personal contact by Block "H" members with prospective freshmen during the coming vacation. Committee Chairman Gordon Burton stressed the importance of these interviews and said that he hoped that Block "H" members would realize their responsibility and make every effort to contact the prospective students assigned to them.

Chairman Burton explained that the committee plans to concentrate its attention on seniors in high schools and preparatory schools for the present, but that it would extend its campaign to juniors later in the term.

W. Hardy Wickwar, Professor of Social Science, will return to the Hill next September after a year's leave of absence, it was announced Monday by President Robert W. McEwen. During his leave, Prof. Wickwar has served in the capacity of Social Affairs Officer with the Social Activities Division of the United Nations.

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Anti-Discrimination

Soon to be circulated around the College Community is the revised resolution of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, chartered this past week by the Student Council. The resolution, which is to be more than just a statement of good intention, is fully explained in a statement of policies of the Anti-Discrimination Committee. These policies, in turn, are enlarged upon in a tentative list of actions which represent what the Committee hopes to undertake as soon as it and the College are ready for such steps.

Since a full account of the resolution and the policies and proposed actions behind it are printed elsewhere in this issue of the *Spectator,* we will reproduce here only the resolution itself.

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By itself, the resolution has little or no chance of being effective, but accompanied by a statement of policies and a list of proposed actions, the successful completion of which each and every member of the Committee is sincerely working toward, the resolution has a meaning and a force which commands our attention and action.

It is in this light that the editors of the *Spectator* favor and support the resolution of the Anti-Discrimination Committe. We recommend that before anyone affixes his signature to a copy of the resolution to be signed, he first acquaint himself thoroughly with the policies and proposed actions of the Committee. Then, so long as he intends to *support* wholeheartedly the resolution, we urge him to sign. Strong support of the student body of Hamilton can make this resolution stand for something more than just a scrap of paper as well as give the Anti-Discrimination Committee a signal to go ahead with their plans.

What's Wrong With Hamilton Athletics

A Series of Editorial Surveys

Introduction: In this issue, the editors of the Spectator present the first in a series of articles investigating the condition of Hamilton's athletics. Our research has made it apparent to us that Hamilton's athletic weakness results from a combination of many problems and not from any one problem alone; for this reason we have decided to investigate each of them as fully as possible. This week we are considering the problem of "raw materials" which involves the procurement of qualified Freshmen who will be real assets to Hamilton's teams. In the following issues we will cover other basic problems, such as coaching, training, scheduling, financing, and the question of major versus minor sports. In preparing these reports the editors recognize the basic assumption of the proportionate importance of athletics in the Hamilton program, as stated in the Curriculum Report and in the Hamilton College Athletic Policy. We have consulted President McEwen, the College Administration, the Athletic Department, and other interested parties.

The problem: When Coach Earl G. Svendsen's resignation was announced after last fall's Union game, he stated that the main reason Hamilton's athletic program held no hope for a successful career for him was that he could not get "a sufficient number of good players to comprise a team which could play at the level of Hamilton's opponents." Coach Mox Weber and others have echoed similar complaints: Hamilton's teams are always confronted with the problem of not having enough good players. If a team has been graced with an outstanding player it is probably by infrequent chance that he happened to come to Hamilton. Over the long period of years, however, it has come to be the same story: the coaching is here, the equipment is here, so are the opponents and the routers, but where are Hamilton's raw materials, its players? For some reason, if they are here at all, they are here usually in mediocre quantity and quality.

Contrary to popular belief, the College admission policy does not seem to be the factor at fault in this problem. According to President Robert W. McEwen and Admissions Director Sidney B. Bennett, the definitive admission policy on which the College has been acting for several years does not operate to the exclusion of academically capable athletes. While it does insist on a high level of scholastic performance, this policy is geared to the specifications of what is commonly thought of as a well rounded individual." President McEwen stated that the affirmative factors in considering applicants who meet the minimum requirements under this policy are:

1. *Superior scholastic ability*
2. *Indication of exceptional leadership*
3. *Superior athletic ability*
4. *Superiority in any other recognized extra-curricular activity.*

Mr. Bennett has remarked that he is certain that the Admissions Committee has given every consideration to scholastically capable athletes applying for admission.

It seems apparent to the *Spectator* surveyors that the real root of Hamilton's "raw material" problem is one of a pre-admission nature. Every year the nation's secondary schools are graduating men who possess the happy combination of superior athletic and intellectual abilities. Yet most men of this type, so essential to a sound Hamilton athletic program, list Hamilton, if they consider the college at all, as a subordinate choice to other institutions. They are doing so because other colleges, most of them able to offer nothing more to the student than Hamilton can, are monopolizing their interest; monopolizing their interest by virtue of a more noted name, or by virtue of geographic convenience, or by virtue of sheer effort, on the part of the other college, to make itself known and attractive to the student. Since it

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 1949

Dear Hamilton:

Writing anonymous letters to editors has never been a particularly elevating past-time, but as a consequence of the letter which I slipped under a door some weeks ago, something encouraging has happened at Hamilton. The students have demonstrated that *they can be awakened,* and this in itself is a definite prelude to correcting some of the deficiencies mentioned in that letter.

The criticism in question was left unsigned to prevent any preconceived prejudices toward the author from detracting from anything the piece might have had to say. Had the anonymity been used to protect the author, this letter would scarcely have been written —or signed.

To me the most striking feature of the whole affair was the realization that the students of Hamilton are much more eager to correct the critics of Hamilton than to correct Hamilton itself. This may demonstrate in some small measure that the community is not in the abysmal condition that some of us believed it is.

My letter, written with the intention to awaken and not to cure, inspired a good many just criticisms. Replies to the Editor declared that my comments were of questionable value, superficial, false, without insight, ridiculous and negative — to cite a few modifiers from a rather extensive thesaurus. And an old friend of mine, not knowing who had written the anonymous letter, wrote to me about it, saying that "it was probably the work of a little mind"— an indictment which my Wechler-Bellevue scores tend to support. But he added comfortingly, "there are so many little minds."

Out of this exchange of adjectives between indignant students and a meddling alumnus have come some important points which we all ought to recognize.

(1) Most Hamilton students are aware of a good many deficiencies in their community life.

(2) A great many Hamilton students do not appreciate al-

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Entertainment in Utica

by John E. Campion

Judging by the newspapers, most of the entertainment in Utica is concerned with the fact that there were seventy-five votes cast in an election district where there were twenty-five voters registered. This local brand of mathematics is decidedly unfunny. But then there is the legitimate brand of entertainment.

Cinema: At the Olympic Theater — the latest Samuel Goldwyn production, *Enchantment,* with David Niven, Teresa Wright, Evelyn Keyes, and Farley Granger (who did such a fine job in *Rope*). Co-feature is something called *Alaskan Patrol* (ex-Navy personnel might be interested, but we doubt it). At the Avon — a picture which has received many fine reviews and a nod from Bob Hopps' publication, *Look,* as one of the best of the year. It's called *The Accused* and includes Loretta Young and Robert Cummings in the cast. At the Stanley — a technicolor western, *South of St. Louis,* an area inhabited by Joel McCrea, Alexis Smith, and Dorothy (*One Sunday Afternoon*) Malone. The second feature (or third if you rank the newsreel ahead of it) has Gloria Jean as a star and goes under the suggestive title of *I Surrender Dear.* The Utica Theater, late home of *Paisan,* offers a "spectacular" double feature, *The Last Days of Pompeii,* and *She.* The advertisements for both are provocative but it's very doubtful that the pictures are.

Lecture: Sunday evening, in St. Francis de Sales auditorium, a World Government Rally. Speakers: Dean Paul Andrews of Syracuse University, Congressman Robert Hale (Rep. Maine) and John Davies (Dem. NY). Time: 8:15 p. m. Charge: $ .25 for students, $ .75 for adults.

Concerts (all in Syracuse): Tuesday, March 15, Eleanor Steber, in Lincoln Auditorium; Saturday, March 12 (tomorrow), Hazel Scott, also in Lincoln; and March 18, Robert Casadesus, in Lincoln.

New show at Jerry Marsh's Cafe Lounge. Piano-duo continues at Town House. But why bother about Utica. Attend the Squires Dance in Commons tomorrow night. Only $ .75. Go! And help make it a success.

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by W. R. Hutchison

The Guppies and the Blowfish

Back in the days before the Kinsey Report and long-playing records, there lived on the floor of a mountain lake a school of fresh-water guppies. In addition to having fresh breathing-water, these guppies were fortunate enough to occupy the top of a hard-surfaced promotory on the lake floor. They liked to lie around up there, sunning themselves all in one large pile. Their Promotory was rather more suited to this than the rest of the lake floor, which was covered with two feet of slimy clay.

Most of the guppies just lay around in a big sluggish heap all day. Occasionally one guppy would slap another with his tail and tell him to go get tea ready. A few, though, didn't lie in the sun at all; they stood around in little groups, thinking. Still others swam up about twice a week to play a game of surface-ball.

Now although surface ball was supposed to be the big guppy sport, they'd already lost to the mackerel, the sharks, and the sea squids, and had just eked out a win over the blowfish. Well, several of the athletic guppies got sick of losing games up there, so they went down and tried playing surface ball on the two feet of clay, and the next thing anybody knew, they'd lost one to the jellyfish.

That made a lot of the guppies sit up to look askance at the athletic guppies and punch the guy next to them and remark how silly it was to try to play surface ball on two feet of clay. Soon every guppy was standing around in one group or another thinking. A few guppies, after a little thought, slapped the guys next to them and said they should do some moving around; but the only ones who did any real moving were a few of the athletic guppies.

Well sir, just then an old blowfish came along, and he saw this school of guppies standing in the sun, nobody moving much, and he figured

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he'd make them jump around a little. So down he charged, aiming at the very center of the pile and shooting pellets at the guppies through his blow pipe.

Now as everyone knows a blowfish is just a grown-up guppy, and this one was careless, just as guppies are. Nearly everyone agreed afterward that he missed the center of the pile; and he misjudged his distance so badly that he hit the top of the Promotory when all of his air was blown out, so that he stuck there like a suction cup.

To this day every guppy will tell you that he didn't get hit with pellets — just the guy next to him. But all the guppies were mad because someone else got hit, so they began taking it out on the poor blowfish. A lot of them picked up the blowfish's pellets and threw them back at him . Then they began figuring out new ways to hit him, until finally all the guppies got so interested in better ways to throw pellets that the old blowfish just fell off unnoticed and dropped down into the clay at the bottom of the Promotory. He wasn't much hurt by the pellets, and didn't mind anyhow, as long as he'd made the guppies move a little. But as he pulled himself out of the slimy clay, the blowfish told himself next time he'd be more careful how he blew his pellets.

Moral: When you're running down a whole school, or even just some other poor fish, remember that the only thing beneath you is two feet of clay.

Board . . . Cont'd

of the large number of students and the long-range aspect of the program.

According to Dean Tolles, this attempt to increase the benefit derived from the academic program will usually entail an improvement in grades, but this need not necessarily hold true in all cases.

Letters to the Editor

umni meddling in their affairs. This alone is the most constructive Hamilton attitude since 1812, and ought to be encouraged.

(3) Hamiltonians both on and off the Hill tend to be superior at noting deficiencies and selecting scapegoats, and inferior at changing things for the better. In this respect they do not differ appreciably from non-Hamiltonians.

And now for those constructive ideas which were so conspicuously lacking in the first letter.

Hamilton is perhaps not lacking in the *will* to improve its community life, but it is assuredly lacking in a *means*. If the radio station cannot be heard twelve feet from the transmitter, or if the choir sings with all the precision of the Salvation Army, or if the literary magazine publishes flamboyant balderdash most of the time, just what can be done about it? Outside of an occasional letter to the editor, the only way open to students is the negative path: turn off the radio, read John Ise during the anthem, and use the *Continental* to prop up a chair having one short leg. When a reasonable number of students has a grievance, some kind of discussion ought to be held, so that faculty members, student officers of the activity in question, and students-at-large could take some steps to alter the situation, or *at least* to examine it. Under the present system, nothing is ever examined; the existence of everything is justified by the law of inertia.

The Student Council could best act as a kind of clearing-house for suggestions and grievances, but unless its membership is chosen from the ranks of the competent rather than of the popular, it will tend to remain an ineffective instrument. The Interfraternity Council, working hand in hand with an effective Student Council, could also aid in improving community life.

But beyond all our prejudices, criticisms, and scapegoats, beyond all our editors, captains, and presidents, lies one inescapable bit of reality: Hamilton will be improved when there are enough Hamiltonians who care enough to work toward improving it. A community can be no better than the people who comprise it.

Having been awakened to our needs, let us work, not weep, to fill them. The task ahead is the joint responsibility of the students and the Administration. For these groups to avoid this challenge would be to shift the responsibility to the alumni, who might be said to have had their day as far as College Hill is concerned.

Respectfully,

Robert G. Johnson, '48

Proposed Actions Committee Outline

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ination and issue a statement of policy,

5. *Sponsor an informal meeting of all fraternity presidents and rushing chairmen each fall to discuss the question as it relates to their activities,*

6. *Provide for the continuation of the Committee and its activities toward the goal of a liberalized social atmosphere at Hamilton, and*

7. *Request all fraternities on the Hill to pass anti-bias legislation whether or not they have discriminatory clauses in their charters.*

Bruce Prum, chairman of the Committee, wished it made clear, on behalf of the Committee, that "the signatures of only those persons who sincerely believe in the program and who will earnestly work toward the ultimate goal of the committee — a liberalized social atmosphere at Hamilton —are wanted on the resolution."

The members of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, in addition to Prum, are Anthony Di-Gregorio, Paul Horsman, Alfred Schneider, Robert Pigott, Robert Lipgar, Douglas Parrott, Paul Johnson, John Campion, James Kerr, John Warren, William Hutchison, and Allen Caldwell.

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will probably be admitted that Hamilton is relatively inadequately blessed with regard to the first two of these three elements, it would seem that Hamilton should place active emphasis on the third element: the exertion of planned effort to make the college familiar and attractive to good potential Hamiltonians.

The Apparent Solution: The solution to Hamilton's raw material problem, then, would seem to lie in a concerted, well organized, permanent publicity - salesmanship drive, aimed at selling Hamilton as a high-standing, small college which has all the potentialities of a strong athletic power within its class.

In this respect, admissions experts point out that the best publicity which any college can receive comes from its alumni. The alumni body, being geographically widespread and at the same time a great community of Hamilton influence is in a position to act as an army of scouts and recruiters for future Hamilton classes. Indeed, many individual alumni, or groups of alumni, are already attempting to do this; Mr. Bennett, Mr. Weber, and others have made attempts to stimulate local action. In general, however, there seems to be a surpising lack of organization or direction of effort within the alumni body in this respect. It seems apparent to the Spectator *surveyors that Hamilton College should delegate specific authority to some one of its officers, be it the President or the Dean of Admissions or an entirely new officer (and we are inclined to think that the latter situation would be the most feasible since the job is a colossal one) by which he should serve to continually remind all alumni of their responsibility in obtaining future Hamilton students, and by which he should organize and follow up their efforts.*

It is evident that there are many areas where such organized alumni effort would probably not be effective. Foremost among these are the many good public and private schools where the college at present lacks official group contact. This group contact requires specialized personal attention; attention which Mr. Bennett, as sole director of admissions, is not always able to give due to the demands of his Root Hall office.

At this point the Spectator *surveyors arrive at what we hope is a logical conclusion. It is a conclusion which we have arrived at before, and one to which all consulted parties agree, with varying degrees of enthusiasm, as an important step in solving Hamilton's raw material problem. Specifically, this conclusion is that Hamilton College should create the permanent office of Traveling Representative, responsible for all field work in recruiting future Hamilton students. The duties of such an officer would be two-fold: to "sparkplug" and direct the vast body of alumni recruiters, and to sell Hamilton to secondary school groups. The argument has been advanced that applications for entrance to Hamilton still are greatly in excess of College capacity; from the athletic point of view, however, it appears that "well-rounded superiority" is lacking in the great number of Hamilton students. For this reason it appears that the need for concerted salesmanship effort by a traveling representative is just as pressing as ever.*

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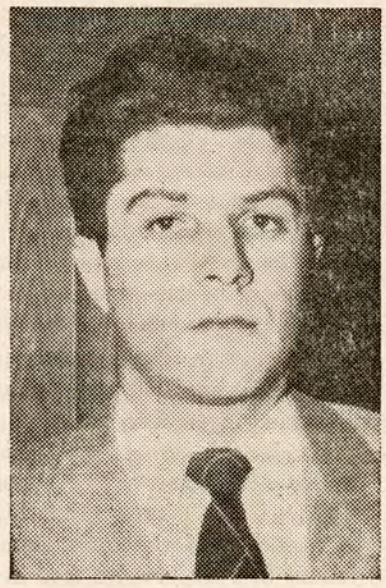
Man of the Week



In taking charge of the Block "H" Club drive to interest student athletes in Hamilton, Gordon W. Burton, '50, is heading the largest, most highly organized campaign of this nature that the college has ever seen. The program, completely new, is designed to encompass all means of presenting Hamilton to qualified high school and preparatory school graduates, through personal contact by men now in college, and through more effective sub-freshman weekends.

By no means a stranger to the problems of athletics, Gordie brings to his new job, a wide background in both high school and college sports. During his high school career at Mayfield, New York, he was a member of the varsity soccer and baseball teams, and captained the basketball squad. It was at this time that he was a member of the high school Student Council, which, in an effort to solve some of the school's problems, including those concerned with athletics, organized with the councils of several other high schools for a series of conferences to discuss common difficulties.

After graduating from the school at Mayfield, a town neighboring his own home town of Lake Pleasant, Gordie spent two years with the Army Air Corps. After his discharge, he entered Hamilton in the fall of 1946. On the Hill he again became active in athletics, winning letters as a member of the varsity soccer and basketball teams. In the spring of 1947, he was honored with election to D. T. He is a member of Sigma Phi.

Seniors are again reminded of the annual, traditional Senior Party to be held one week from tomorrow evening at 8:30 p. m. in the Gymnasium.

The Sophomore Class reception for President and Mrs. Robert W. McEwen will be held next Monday evening at 8:30 in the Hall of Commons.

Debate . . . Cont'd

On March 18-19, Bertram Portin and Arnold Lerman, representing the Hamilton College Debate Team, will travel through Pennsylvania and Maryland, stopping at Lafayette College, Temple University, and the United States Naval Academy. They will take the affirmative side of the issue, "Federal Aid to Education." On March 25-26, Sheldon Horowitch and Dale Williams will debate the negative side of the same subject for Hamilton at Rutgers University, Pennsylvania State, and Swarthmore College.

The Debate Team will also send two representatives, Christopher Beebe and Frank Jewell, to the Eastern Regional Tournament, which will be held at Wesleyan. About twenty-five teams will compete, of which four will be chosen to represent the East at the national tournament at West Point. The issue to be debated will concern medical insurance, with the Hamilton debaters taking both sides of the question at different times during the tournament.

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Scanning the Field

by Bob Tillman

During the past few weeks there has been a lot of small talk circulating around the quads, the subject of which has been the poor quality of this year's basketball team. We firmly believe all this hot air to be pure nonsense, and in order to prove our point, a little cold, hard logic will be employed. It is the contention of this scribe that despite Associated Press polls, Len Wilbur, and Hooperatings, the 1948-49 Hamilton quintet was the No. 1 team in the nation. This may sound as fallacious as a report on capitalism in Pravda, but figures don't lie (the fact liars sometimes figure doesn't seem to help in proving our point, so we'll conveniently forget about it for the time being).

In any case, here's our line of reasoning. Hamilton thumped Albany State; Albany State shaded Utica College; the Tangerines nipped Hartwick; Hartwick edged Lawrence Tech; Lawrence Tech beat Baldwin-Wallace; Baldwin-Wallace defeated Bowling Green; Bowling Green knocked off Oklahoma A. & M.; the Cowpokes hung one on St. Louis; and St. Louis squeezed by Kentucky, whom everyone else considers national champions. Not only are the Hillmen superior to Rupp's Raiders, but according to this brand of logic, the difference between the two clubs is somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty points, which leaves little room for argument. If you want to carry it along a bit farther, it means that stalwarts like Bill Tank, Bob Mackay, et al, would make aces like Ed Macauley and Ralph Beard look like mere beginners if they ever happened to appear on the same hardwood together.

The more you think about this thing, the more involved it gets. If the Continentals are the top team in the country (and they surely must be, for logic of this sort is supposed to be fool-proof), then they certainly should have received a bid to one, if not all, of the post-season cage tourneys, and the entire squad should have been named All-Americans. Perhaps the people who plan these tournaments have been a little slow in making their selections; if this is the case, it would be advisable for John Panatier to keep his ear within hearing range of his telephone for the next few days. But if our heroes have been overlooked, an unpardonable sin has been committed, and the sound of six hundred voices screaming "We wuz robbed" can be expected to roll over the Mohawk and Oriskany valleys sometime within the next few days.

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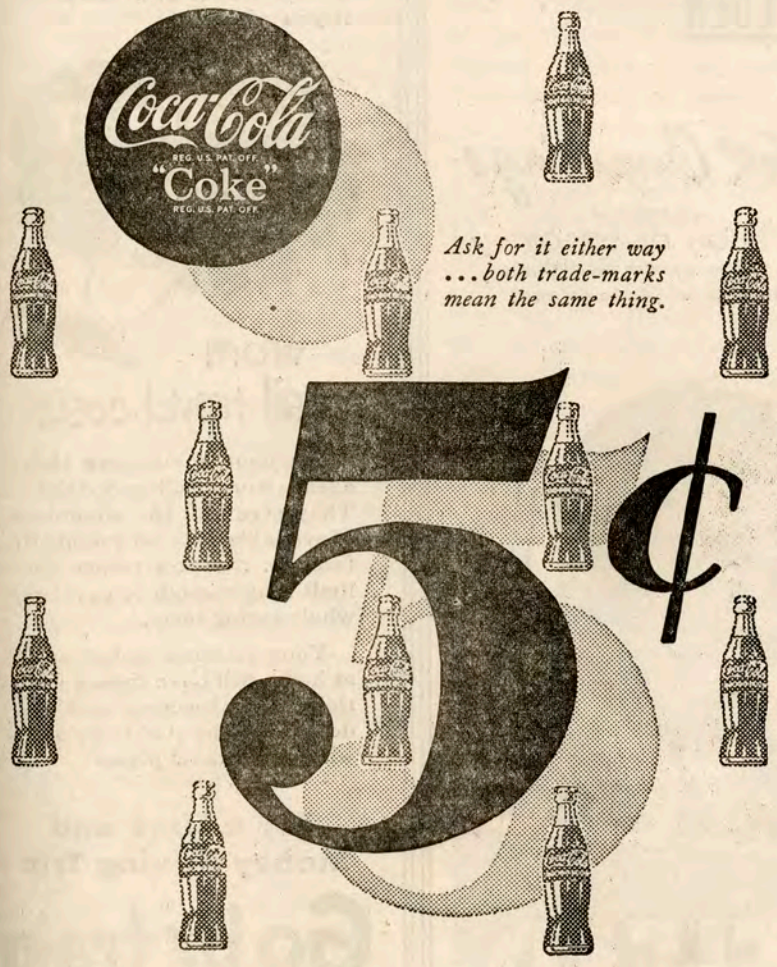

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William Tank of Marshalltown, Iowa, was elected captain of the basketball team for the coming 1949-50 season last Monday in a meeting of this past season's team. Tank, the 6' 4" pivot man for the Continental quintet, averaged 17.6 points in 15 games, climaxing his scoring efforts with a 31-point performance against Albany State Teachers College, a new Hamilton record. He succeeds Bob Mackay as captain.

Skiing Team Ends Season

Weather permitting, Hamilton will be one of thirteen collegs represented at the Snow Ridge Invitational Ski Meet this Saturday at Turin, N. Y. Downhill and slalom races are scheduled, but no cross-country event will be held. The meet will be the last of the season for Hamilton.

Syracuse, a team to which the Continentals lost by a narrow margin early in the season, will be favored tomorrow. Other entries have been received from Kingston, Cornell, Ontario, Rochester, Sampson, Williams, Penn State, Hobart, Victoria, Cortland, and Colgate.

Last Saturday, Hamilton's skiers came in second to the St. Lawrence Jayvees by five-tenths of a point in a three-way meet at Saranac Lake despite Lan Potter's first place in the combined downhill and slalom event. St. Lawrence had 193.9 points and the Continentals scored 193.4 markers. Third place went to Paul Smith's with a 189.1

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Victory Over Albany Finishes Hill Schedule

Mermen Finish Tough Schedule With 5-5 Record

Tomorrow the Hamilton College swimmers will travel to Troy for the N.Y.S.A.A.U. meet to be held in the R. P. I. pool. Although the men will score as individuals rather than as a team, a team record of the event will be kept. The full traveling squad will make the trip, with the possible exception of Chick Rice, who is now on the sick list.

The team finished its scheduled season last weekend with a 38-37 victory over Buffalo State Teachers College on Friday and a 42-33 loss to the University of Rochester on Saturday. The scores made the final season record five wins and five losses.

The outcome of the meet with State was in doubt right up to the last event. The Blue tankmen went into the final relay trailing by a 37-31 count. A first in the event gave them their one point victory. Hamilton firsts were taken by Campbell in the 50, Tomlinson in the 220 (for a new school record), and the final relay event. In the diving and 440 events the Teachers had men disqualified for infractions of the rules. MacCarthy was the top scorer for the State squad, racking up firsts in the 100 and 440-yard swims second in the 50-yard event.

The next day Coach Dugan's Dreadnoughts dropped the final meet of the season to the University of Rochester squad. The teams were so evenly matched that the meet was determined, as was expected, by the first event of the afternoon, the medley relay. Coach Dugan entered Campbell in the relay lineup in an attempt to strengthen the team, but the Rochester squad nosed out the Blue by less than two seconds. Tomlinson broke the record that he had set the day before in the 220-yard swim with a time of 2:29, and Captain Don Gingras set an unofficial school record of 2:47 in the breast stroke. Wood and Howell also turned in good times for the afternoon. Although Tomlin-

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Tank Scores 31 Pts. To Break Record

The Hamilton College basketball team ended its 1948-49 campaign in the winning fashion last Saturday by trouncing the Albany State Teachers' quintet, 73-43, as Bill Tank hit for 31 points, a new Hamilton scoring record.

Tank's 31 point effort (this was the second time this season that the Alumni Gym court has seen the 30 point mark surpassed, Jack Donohue of Rochester having poured in 37 points in January) was not the only highlight of the game. The Hamilton 2-1-2 zone defense appeared to be extremely tight as Albany was forced to rely on quick shots from outside the keyhole for most of its baskets.

It was Tank's night, and the tall center clicked for .555 per cent of his shots, sinking 15 twin-pointers in 27 attempts.

The early moments of the first period found the play a little ragged, for Albany was missing its shots and appeared to be lost on the spacious court, while the Panatiermen couldn't find the range and looked somewhat dead on their feet. Tank, Tom Gregory, and Bill Luers, however, soon began to hit with precision shots. With 3:50 left in the initial stanza, Albany penetrated through the Hamilton zone for the first time, as Marzello dropped in a penalty toss and then 25 seconds later clicked with a set effort. At the end of the period Hamilton was sporting an 18-8 lead.

Rog Wood led the second period assault with seven points garnered in rapid succession on spectacular one-hand pitches and on lightning fast steals.

Tank really came to life in the third period when his one-hand jump shot began to drop in from all over the court. In the third quarter Bill fired in 16 points, but his seventh field goal of the period was as beautiful a shot as ever will be seen on a court.

As the coaches poured substitutes onto the court in the fourth period, the fans yelled for Tank to keep scoring. He added two final buckets and then was derricked with four minutes left. The Hamilton reserves did not offer any mercy to the Albany five as Don Thomas, Don Huffmire, Gordie Burton, John Egner, and Ted Mullett racked up 17 points in a final spurt.

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Athletic Situation . . . Cont'd

We are well aware of the high qualifications which such an officer must have, educationally, personally, and in this case, athletically. We are further aware of the high cost of maintaining such an officer. There appears to be, however, every reason to believe that the cost would be far outbalanced by the returns, if the position were to be capably administered.

The Spectator *surveyors are pleased to be able to note that real action on Hamilton's raw material problem is being taken by a responsible and representative student group, the Block "H" Club. The preliminary work of the Block "H" committee for procuring future Hamilton athletes, headed by Gordon Burton, seems to hold promise of constructive achievement. It is obvious that student efforts along these lines has an integral part in a large scale Hamilton salesmanship campaign.*

Unfortunately closely connected with the question of admission and athletic raw material, is the question of subsidization and financial aid. A few basic principles have become obvious to the Spectator *surveyors. First, it seems apparent, from examining the stated admissions policy, that outright subsidization is incongruous and undesirable in the Hamilton program. At the same time, however, it is apparent that there are some cases in whihch academically qualified athletes are prevented by financial difficulties from applying. In these cases the College has available certain funds, and it is hoped that such funds can be increased, for scholarship aid; the personal characteristics qualifying the individual to receive such aid being generally the same as those of the general almission policy; that is, primary consideration is given to scholastic achievement, but athletic ability is an affirmative factor. This policy seems desirable in so far as the academic standing of the college is in no way jeopardized. It does, however, serve to magnify to an even greater extent the need for strong salesmanship, for since Hamilton intends to aid only those needy athletes who are also superior students, greater effort must be exerted to seek out these comparatively rare combinations.*

Winter Intramurals Near Climax Deciding Games Still Unplayed

Two of the pace-setting teams in the Hamilton intramural basketball league, Sigma Phi and Lambda Chi, will clash next Monday night at 9:00 p. m. in the most important game of the season thus far. This contest is one of the three, involving Psi U, Sig, and LCA, which will probably decide the loop championship. Those three quintets have spread-eagled the field, each boasting an undefeated record, and "the title will most likely go to the one who can beat the other two."

HOCKEY:

Meanwhile, four other sports—bowling, swimming, squash, and hockey — have come into the intramural picture with the completion of the varsity winter sports season. This week, provided the ice did not melt, the hockey round-robin, postponed from February, was to be played. Finals were to be held this afternoon at 5:00 p. m. In early games DKE beat Squires, 4 to 0; Chi Psi downed Alpha Chi, 6 to 0; and ELS upset Alpha Delt, 4 to 2.

SQUASH:

Elbie Howard, chairman of the Intramural Council, has named Jack Barton to lead a six-man student squash team against a faculty aggregation. After the faculty game Howard hopes to schedule intercollegiate games if there is sufficient interest.

BOWING:

The bowling league has been reorganized, following a layoff since the first semester. An eight-team league will roll twice a week on the Clinton alleys.

SWIMMING:

The second of two interfraternity swim meets will be held Tuesday, March 15. The championship team will be that scoring the highest total of points for both meets.

BASKETBALL:

A week ago in the basketball loop the expected happened again. On March 3 Sig stretched its win streak to six games by routing Chi Psi 46 to 32; Psi U did the same by downing ELS. In other games Squires upset Theta Delt, 32 to 30; and DU bested DKE.

Standings complete through March 8 showed Psi U and Sig tied for the league lead with six wins and no losses. A full game behind was Lambda Chi with a 4 and 0 record. DU was fourth, boasting a .667 percentage in six games.

Swim . . . Cont'd

son turned in the only first for the Hillmen in the meet, the Blues took second and third in almost every other event.

Outstanding man of the squad for the two meets was freshman Dick Tomlinson of Westtown, Pa. Tomlinson had been swimming the shorter races all season, but set a new record on Friday when he swam the 220 for the first time in his intercollegiate competition.

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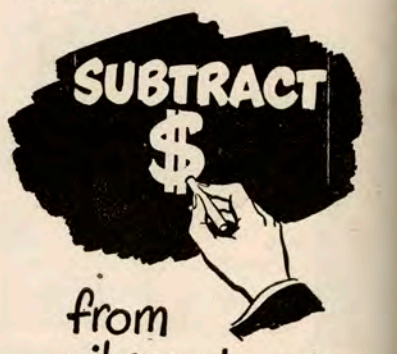

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